IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, STORAGE MEDIUM,
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND PROGRAM

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to an image processing method, a storage medium, an image forming apparatus and a program, all of which are to perform correction processing according to the attribute of an image.

Related Background Art

Conventionally, there is known color processing which is controlled according to the attribute of an image.

In the conventional technology, however, single color processing (color correction, color conversion and binarization or other n-valued processing) is performed on a bit map obtained by decompressing compressed data. For this reason, color processing suitable for the attribute of the expanded bit map cannot be performed on the compressed data.

The latest driver can switch color processing by analyzing color data developed into a bit map obtained by decompressing compressed data, but it has the disadvantage of notably reducing the processing speed because of the load involved in the processing for analyzing the data after it has been developed into the bit map.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

It is an object of the present invention to resolve the above-mentioned disadvantage, and to enable image attribute discrimination of an image indicative of compressed data, and hence correction processing on the image indicative of the compressed data.

The present invention has been made in view of the above-mentioned point. According to the present application, there is provided an image processing method for performing correction processing according to an attribute of an image, comprising the steps of: analyzing compressed data contained in a drawing instruction to determine whether its attribute is text, image or graphics; developing the compressed data to a bit map using a method corresponding to an analysis